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Especially in urban areas like LA, we're often pressed for square footage. But that doesn't mean we can't have the luxurious feel of a large space! Here are some pointers to open up your small space - AND - to save you the hassle of looking for the items I'm talking about, I made a list on my Amazon storefront so you can shop them all in one place!

1. When in doubt, white it out! A light, cool-toned neutral color scheme will give you the best opening effect. While warm colors can be great to add warmth and coziness to an already large room, light cool tones (think white, light grey, pale blue, cool sage, or sea foam) make the room feel brighter and bigger!

2. Monochrome is your friend. Monochrome doesn't mean everything is the SAME. Using various shades of a color and adding texture keeps it interesting. Opt for textures instead of patterns (ie. a waffle knit throw or macrame pillows). Patterns make a room feel crowded.

3. Curtains: contrary to popular belief, your curtains shouldn't be the same size as your window! Hang your curtains just below the ceiling and make. them long enough so that they gather slightly on the floor. This lengthens the room vertically making your ceilings look taller! Avoid heavy fabrics or patterns on your curtains. Opt for light, sheer fabrics. Natural fabrics like linen are a plus for creating that elevated feel!

4. Mirrors! Seriously, put mirrors everywhere, especially across from windows to reflect the light and make the space look WAY more open. I love a large vertical mirror placed diagonally in the corner.

5. Vertical space: keep your furniture low against the well to create more wall space. And then add art or light fixtures above to move the eye upwards, making the ceiling feel higher.

6. Opt for glass, acrylic, and mirrored pieces. Think ghost chairs, mirrored end tables, and glass coffee tables.

7. Go with a couple large statement pieces instead of a bunch of small furniture, which looks crowded.

Transforming a small space into a larger-feeling oasis is all about smart design choices and thoughtful details. From choosing the right color palette to incorporating mirrors and vertical elements, these tips can make a big impact without requiring a massive budget.
Ready to put these ideas into action? I've curated items that coincide with each of these tips in my Amazon storefront, so you can easily shop and start elevating your space! Click the link below, and don't forget to share these tips with a friend who could use a little extra room in their life!